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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF LITCHFIELD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

PAID DEBTS.

Paid State tax,	$668 00	
County tax,	662 00	
I. McQuesten,	163 96	
Indian Head Bank,	550 50	
N. Tuttle,	110 00	
		$2,154 46

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TREASURER.

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1, G. H. Goodspeed,	$145 48	
" " 2, J. A. Marsh,	191 58	
" " 3, A. Taggart,	187 59	
" " 4, W. Corning,	65 67	
" " 5, C. H. Hill,	17 65	
		$607 97

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid N. C. Griffin, Town Clerk,	$12 00
F. H. McQuesten, Selectman,	25 00

Paid G. H. Goodspeed, Selectman,	$20 00	
S. Center, "	12 00	
S. Chase, Supervisor,	6 00	
G. G. Lydston, "	6 00	
N. C. Griffin,	4 00	
A. H. Powers, S. S. Committee,	15 00	
I. M. Questen, Treasurer,	10 00	
F. L. Center, Collector,	35 00	
		$145 00

PAUPERS.

Paid Mrs. G. E. Senter, house rent, Haggard family,	$30 00	
County of Hillsborough, board, P. G. Melvin,	130 36	
		$160 36

HIGHWAYS.

Paid W. Goodspeed for loam,	$10 70	
J. Annis " "	4 00	
H. Center,	5 00	
J. Cheney, " "	4 00	
S. Chase, work in 1878,	18 16	
J. Parker, for stone,	2 50	
W. T. Read, work on bridge,	1 50	
J. Whittemore, lumber for bridge,	4 00	
I. McQuesten, " "	5 00	
F. L. Center, work on highway,	16 60	
		$71 46

SUNDRY BILLS.

Paid S. Chase, for stationery,	$1 50	
F. H. McQuesten, books, stationery,	3 00	
" " bounty on hawks,	3 20	
" " lime,	50	
" " invoice book,	3 00	
" " guide-boards,	8 50	
" " lumber for cemetery	5 78	
" " nails, hinges "	1 37	
" " Dr. Pillsbury, death records,	2 00	
F. H. McQuesten, work on cemetery fence,	2 50	
G. G. Lydston, work on cemetery fence,	3 75	
R. Frye, work on cemetery fence,	3 12	
G. H. Goodspeed, work on cemetery fence,	2 00	
G. H. Goodspeed, lumber for cemetery fence,	4 56	
G. H. Goodspeed, nails for cemetery fence,	25	
S. Chase, lumber for tables,	5 35	
N. C. Griffin, abatement of J. C. Bixby's tax,	64	
I. McQuesten, M. V. B. Greene, printing town reports,	15 00	
I. McQuesten, Caleb Richardson, insurance town house,	30 00	
I. McQuesten, George Andrews, work on highway, 1879,	4 50	
I. McQuesten, express,	50	
		$101 02

RECAPITULATION.

Paid State tax,	$668 00	
County tax,	662 00	
Indian Head National Bank,	550 50	
I. McQuesten,	163 96	
N. Tuttle,	110 00	
Schools,	607 97	
Town officers,	143 00	
Paupers,	160 36	
Highway,	71 46	
Sundry bills,	101 02	
		$3,238 27

CASH RECEIVED.

Received Railroad tax	$109 05	
Savings bank tax,	607 13	
Literary fund,	18 13	
Indian Head National Bank,	541 12	
F. L. Center, Collector 1879,	1,586 13	
L.L.Daniels, Collector, 1878,	325 31	
Town-house,	2 00	
		$3,188 87

Whole amount paid by Treasurer,	$3,238 27	
Whole amount received,	3,188 87	
Due Treasurer,		$49 40
J. W. Goodspeed,		132 50
N. Tuttle,		185 49
		$367 39

Amount charged Collector for 1879,	$1,833 00	
Received of Collector, due from Collector 1879,	1,586 13	
	$246 87	
Due from L. L. Daniels, Coll., 1878,	68 71	
		$315 58
Total liabilities of the town,		$51 81

We, the Selectmen, have examined the above report of the Treasurer, and find it a true report, to the best of our knowledge, of the financial affairs of the town.

The ladies have expended for furnishing the Town Hall during the year, $64.50.

F. H. McQUESTEN,
G. H. GOODSPEED,
SELECTMEN OF LITCHFIELD.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF LITCHFIELD,

DISTRICT NO. I.

GEORGE H. GOODSPEED, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

This school, taught by Miss Jennie L. Thompson, was particularly fortunate in securing the services of a teacher who is a natural instructor, and one who reaches success by the means of those gentle methods which bring love and sympathy. Perhaps it is unnecessary to say that Miss Thompson gave the school excellent instruction the entire school year of two terms. We find upon the "Roll of Honor" the names of Edith R. Leach and Clinton Leach the first term, and Eliza K. Parker, George Dow McQuesten and Frankie J. McQuesten, the second term.

DISTRICT NO. II.

J. ABBOTT MARSH, Prudential Committee.

This school, taught by Miss Annie A. Marsh, was one in which much hard work was done, and it accomplished good results. An earnest endeavor on the part of the teacher, and patient toil by the pupils, were manifest throughout the school year of three terms. On the "Roll of Honor" we find the names of Mary L. Marsh, Annie E. Putnam and Walter T. McQuesten the first term, Newman H. Scott, Walter T. McQuesten, Mena Selvess and Nettie C. Baker the second term, and Mary C. Whittemore, Annie E. Putnam, Fred. H. Putnam, W. Elbert Putnam, and Walter T. McQuesten the third term.

DISTRICT NO. III.

ALEXANDER TAGGART, Prudential Committee.

This school, taught by Miss Laura Center, was a decided success. Perfect sympathy and co-operation in the school work existed between teacher and pupils. Miss Center taught the whole school year three times. On the "Roll of Honor" are the names of Evaline Lefavor and Daniel W. Bradt the first term, Hugh J. Taggart and Nellie Lefavor the second term, and Hugh J. Taggart the third term.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

WILLIAM CORNING, Prudential Committee.

This school, taught by Miss Nettie E. Smith, was as

"big" a success as could be expected of a school of five or seven pupils. Miss Smith labored faithfully and perseveringly, and she accomplished a good work. Miss Smith taught the entire school year, two terms. We find upon the "Roll of Honor" the names of Lottie F. Corning, Clara B. Corning and Alice J. Richardson the first term, and Lottie F. Corning, Minnie Richardson and Alice J. Richardson the second term.

We congratulate you upon the good schools which you have enjoyed the past year. We have noted, with satisfaction, that each teacher has been employed throughout the year.

If good teachers, when once obtained, could be retained, it would greatly facilitate the success of our schools. The too common habit of putting into the schools a new teacher each year and sometimes oftener, is detrimental to the best interests of the school. Successful school work is greatly embarrassed by the multiplicity and diversity of studies, and we sincerely desire that a thorough classification of school work may soon be accomplished. A thorough knowledge of the subjects taught, patience, energy, power of imparting knowledge and last, but not least, correct morals and quiet manners, these attributes of character the true teacher possesses. The teacher has the great work of directing the harmonious development of the moral, intellectual and physical nature of youth. His effort must have in view the formation of a noble manhood, womanhood and citizenhood, as well as intellectual vigor and physical strength.

We would respectfully suggest that some action relative to a union of Districts 1 and 4 would be advisable, the houses being unsuitable for school purposes and the attendance small. If not a union, some action relative to an improvement in buildings, furniture and apparatus. Parents

and citizens have an interest in the common schools second to no other; that they exhibit this interest in school visitations, not merely attending exercises on the "Last Day," but at their convenience during the school year, is earnestly desired by teachers, pupils and Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. H. POWERS,
COMMITTEE.

LITCHFIELD, N. H., March 1, 1880.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number of Districts.	Name of term.	Names of Teachers.	Number Weeks of School.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Number in Reading.	Number in Spelling.	Number in Writing.	Number in Arithmetic.	Number in Geography.	Number in Grammar.	Number in Composition.	Number in History.	Number in Philosophy.	Number in Algebra.	Number of Visits by Citizens.	Wages of Teacher per Month.	Whole number of Scholars in town not less than 5 years, attending School not less than two weeks in the year.	Number of Children between the age of 5 and 15 years in town.
1	Summer.	Miss Jennie L. Thompson.	11	11	10*	11	11	11	9	8	8	0	0	0	0	60	$24 00		
	Fall.	" " " "	11	12	11	12	12	12	10	9	8	0	0	0	[illegible]	35	24 00		
2	Summer.	Miss Anne A. Marsh.	9	11	10*	11	11	7	7	6	1	0	1	0	0	18	26 00		
	Fall.	" " "	10	12	11*	12	12	10	9	7	1	0	1	1	1	19	26 00		
	Winter.	" " "	8*	17	16*	17	17	14	13	13	5	0	2	1	2	27	26 00		
3	Summer,	Miss Laura Center.	8	18	16*	18	18	18	16	14	4	0	0	4	4	18	26 00	45	42
	Fall.	" " "	8	15	13*	15	15	15	13	9	3	10	0	2	2	10	26 00		
	Winter.	" " "	11*	15	11	15	14	14	12	10	8	11	0	1	1	25	26 00		
4	Summer.	Miss Nettie E. Smith.	10	7	6*	7	7	5	5	4	4	3	2	0	0	23	12 00		
	Fall.	" " " "	10	6	5*	6	6	6	5	5	4	3	0	0	0	14	12 00		

*Fractions omitted.